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funding under the basis that we would provide it. The Governor vetoed it. The half a million dollars that he vetoed is spent. I want you to understand that. That has already been taken out of the local tax payers pocket. Now, the Governor says that he doesn't want the override in his message to you as of Thursday, last, because he is interested in reducing state income taxes. So, he wants to take the property tax that you local people have paid, and I just gave you a sample and we have all of the districts but I just gave you the top 25 of them on your desk. The tax payer has paid that bill. Now, I would recommend to the Executive that if he doesn't want to expend 90% of funding that I stand ready and my committee stands ready to hear his methods and approaches of funding special education. The Executive has long criticized the national government in terms of their spending patterns, in terms of authorizing and not appropriating. Is it interesting that the Executive by the veto is trying to bring that system here. He is saying to those people that have handicapped children, and in those districts where there are handicapped children, yes, lets provide this service. But, when it comes time to pay, he is playing a sham game with them and saying we are not going to pay 90%, I was just kidding when I signed that bill. Local tax payers, you take care of it. Whatever his motivations and purposes are, the Governor by this veto has violated the spirit of the law that he signed, which I think is reprehensible. Secondly, on the education commission of the states, I have handed you the statutes and the requirements of the statutes enacted by the Legislature of Nebraska, when we agreed to join the compact and we agreed to join the compact by legislation under 79-2501, I refer you to page 402 of that, which tells exactly the way that the Governor may proceed to bring about withdrawal from that organization if he thinks that it is wasted. I believe that the Governor has the obligation like any other compact that we belong too, if he believes that this is not the effective way to do it, the Governor should instigate the methods of withdrawal, not just simply cut off the appropriations. There are a number of things that could be said about the veto. I think that it was done for political reasons. I think that the program is meritorious, and I think that this legislature supported that all along. I appreciated the 40 to nothing vote that you gave the bill. I would ask that you would override the Governor notwithstanding his veto.

PRESIDENT: Who called for the question? Senator DeCamp called for the question. Are there five seconds? There are five seconds. The question is shall the debate now cease. Record your votes. Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays and 21 not voting.

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases. The question is shall LB752 become law notwithstanding the Governor's veto. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 41 ayes, 3 nays and 5 not voting. Vote appears on page 1300 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: LB752 shall become law notwithstanding the Governor's veto. LB...we go to General File. General File, LB972. Yes sir.